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MRS. MACDONALD, MIDDLE SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS ART NEWS from First and Second Quarter

This has been a wonderful year of creative stretching for our grades 6-8 artists! We started off the year with the Lions Club Peace Poster Project. Congratulations to 8th grade student, Katie Burns, for coming in first place for Lions Club district 23C, and to 7th grade student, Sage Magowan, for coming in second for Columbia. The theme of this year's project was "Celebration of Peace." Students had to express what a celebration of global peace looks like in various art media (watercolor, colored pencil, crayon, chalk and oil pastel) without using words. The posters are being displayed in the cafetorium of Porter School in December/January, the Saxton B. Little Library in January, and Beckish Senior Center soon. Thank you to all the students who participated this year! It was the best year yet, with over 80 students participating.

In 6th grade art wheel, students learned how to draft 3-D letters using one point perspective, and created a landscape surrounding their 3-D name. Students also formed fantasy animals using paper towel, tape and plaster. They are currently designing buildings from clay for our Village Project.

In 7th grade visual art, we used many different shading techniques to create 3-dimensional form and texture, along with shading values using 7th grade students' favorite shoes as a subject. We just finished the plaster mask project, which allows students to create a fantasy mask inspired by studying many varieties of masks in other cultures. We are starting a 2-Point Perspective cityscape drawing as our final major project.

In 8th grade visual art, students worked in teams to build Pop-Art inspired floor sculptures of their favorite candy. These pieces are quite impressive! The students used shading techniques and the grid method to draw a famous person of his/her choosing. In art extension, students are in the process of glazing hand built mugs.

The art wheel class is creating Google Slides and PowerPoint presentations on famous artists.

Last, I look forward to having local artist, Ben Keller, visit for a middle school assembly on public art.

SAVE THE DATE:

Art Show: Please note that artwork is not being sent home, as the big school-wide art show will be on May 10th from 6-8PM this year. Please support our student artists and plan on attending this wonderful event!!

MRS. SHIVE'S ART ROOM

Happy New Year Everyone! It's been a wonderful 2nd year here at H.W. Porter! I'm thoroughly enjoying teaching all of the children all about Art! The children have shown such excitement learning about all of the artists and styles of art we've been studying and you can see it in each of their creations. I tend to hold onto all of the artwork until we have our Art Show on May 3rd, so my apologies for not sending it home sooner! It's going to be a spectacular show! The **Art Show** will be on **Wednesday, May 10, 2017** so I hope you can all "Save the Date!" If you are interested in becoming an **ART VIP** please email me @ mshive@hwporter.org An **ART VIP's** job might be helping me to mount the artwork or hang the artwork a couple of weeks before the show. Remember, "lots of hands" make for "light work." It's a HUGE show so I am really counting on the help of volunteers!

I've also been very fortunate to get 2 of my **Donorschoose.org** grants funded this school year. If you have any interest in supporting your child's Art Room please go on my teacher webpage or click on this link to support any current projects.

<https://www.donorschoose.org/mshive>

Here's a quick look at what each grade is currently working on:

- **Pre-K** is learning how to use a variety of items to create textures with paint, how to use glue sticks and glue bottles, and how to have fun in art!
- **Kindergarten** just finished up a lesson on Grandma Moses and is getting ready to glaze their clay pieces in January.
- **1st Grade** just finished up a lesson using painted paper, which they created to make beautiful Alpine Trees.
- **2nd Grade** is learning all about Japan and how to make a Japanese Kimono.
- **3rd Grade** is beginning their unit on how to draw the human body, which is one of the hardest things to draw accurately!
- **4th Grade** is learning all about Value and is beginning to create their 3-D looking Robots!
- **5th Grade Wheel** is working on their Cezanne Still Life Pastel Drawings for the Art Show!
- **5th Grade Extension** is busy creating a "Cup of Fantasy" painting!
- **7th Grade Extension** just finished up creating a One Point Perspective Drawing using Tim Burton as their inspiration for their character!

LIFE SKILLS

We have been active in cooking since after Thanksgiving. To whet their appetite, we started right in with little lessons on measuring; then students cooked pancakes with the new griddles we received from the PTO. The 7th and 8th grades practiced again, making pancakes for teachers and staff. To celebrate holiday cheer, students baked and served cookies to staff in the life skills room. In addition, the 8th grade made potato pancakes, traditional food of Hanukkah, in honor of the eighth graders who celebrate that holiday. A parent, Marcy Littlefield gave us a favorite family recipe to use. Going forward, all students will be starting an egg unit. Then, the 7th and 8th grades will begin knife skills.

NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER WILL FEATURE:

Technology

Elementary Spanish